BLAIR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Chamber Ambassadors... A great way to elevate your business profile



Are you ready to get more involved, make new connections, and make a difference in our business community? Then we want YOU to be a part of the 2027 Chamber Ambassador Committee!

Being a Chamber Ambassador is about more than just attending events. It's about being a connector and advocate. Think of it as a welcoming face for our Chamber and its members. Ambassadors help welcome new members, build relationships, encourage participation, promote Chamber events and programs, and help create an environment where businesses can connect, grow, and succeed. And the benefits go both ways!

As an Ambassador, you'll have opportunities to:

- Grow your network and build valuable business relationships.
- Increase your visibility throughout the local business community.
- Build leadership and communication skills while gaining valuable experience.
- Meet new people.
- Learn about the businesses that make our community thrive.
- Give back and make our Chamber an stronger resource for local businesses.

Whether you've been an active Chamber member for years or are looking for a new way to get involved, there's a place for you on the Ambassador Committee! We're now accepting applications for the 2027 Chamber Ambassadors, and we'd love to have you join the team.

Ready to get involved? Applications are available on the Chamber website, www.blairchamber.com or by contacting Jessie at jcovert@blairchamber.com. Deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 4. Together, let's make 2027 our best year yet!

Your guide to shopping small, shopping local



The Chamber is proud to support our small businesses, especially during the busy holiday shopping season!

With the holidays fast approaching, now is the perfect time to plan how you'll attract shoppers and showcase the fantastic deals, products, and services your business has to offer.

Back by popular demand, the Stroll Before You Scroll Small Business Coupon Book is taking shape, and we want YOU to be part of it!

The best part? Participation is FREE! This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business and share your special holiday offers with thousands of potential customers throughout Blair County.

Once completed, the digital coupon book will be:

- Featured on the Chamber's website
- Shared across the Chamber's social media channels
- Emailed to Chamber members

Reserve your space today by emailing Jessie at jcovert@blairchamber.com.

Let's make this holiday season a success for Blair County's small businesses. Thank you for shopping local and supporting our business community!

Brock Holland to keynote Chamber Farm-City dinner

Brock Holland of Holland Bros. Meats will be the keynote speaker at the Farm-City Dinner on Nov. 10 at Morrisons Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg.

Located in Duncansville, PA, Holland Bros. is a family-owned meat market offering an exceptional selection of award-winning meats.

The business began when William Holland, the great-grandfather of the present owners, sold strawberries at local markets but had a crop ruined by bad weather. To maintain an income, he and his son, Terry, began processing livestock for farmers. In 1964, they sold meats from a panel truck and by 1968, bought land and built a small processing shop.

Four generations later, Holland Bros. continues to be an industry leader and has won countless awards and national championships.



Brock Holland of Holland Bros. Meats

The Farm-City dinner will begin with a Milk Punch reception at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner buffet at 6:30. The program will include the presentation of the Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award to the Stultz Family of Williamsburg. Cost is $25 per person. Register today!

Ribbon Cutting



Walmart Supercenter Duncansville

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the remodel of the Walmart Supercenter located at 200 Commerce Drive, Duncansville. The remodel has been designed to improve customer experience, streamline operations, and support future growth. There was a strong focus on key areas such as fresh foods, online order pickup, and expanded self-checkout lanes to speed up the checkout process. On-hand for the celebration were Chamber Ambassadors, Amanda Walker from the office of State Senator Judy Ward, and State Representative Scott Barger, who joined together with the original associates who opened the Duncansville store.

RISE PA
RISING TOGETHER TO LOWER EMISSIONS

Grant application open to small manufacturers

Round 5 of the RISE PA grant program's Small-scale Award Track is open through Dec. 15 for funding to support energy efficiency and emissions reduction projects.

RISE PA is helping manufacturers lower costs and emissions, achieve strategic business goals, and boost competitiveness. PennTAP provides no-cost support that can help you complete the required assessment report and navigate the application process.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection has already awarded $8.5 million to 29 projects across Pennsylvania in Round 1 and Round 2 of the program.

Why Apply:

•Your facility could receive 50% of the cost of a decarbonization project, up to $500,000.

•Cleaner, more efficient equipment can help your facility lower utility bills, improve equipment reliability, streamline production and reduce downtime.

•These cost savings can free up resources for other priorities and boost your overall competitiveness.

•Reducing emissions impacts the air quality and natural resources in the communities your team members and families call home.

Eligibility requires that you are a PA manufacturing facility with fewer than 500 full-time employees, your total project cost is between $50,000 to $1 million, and your project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through electrification, efficiency improvements, low-carbon fuels, on-site renewable energy, carbon capture, or reducing fugitive emissions. For more information and to apply go to RISE PA - PennTAP.